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HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LOS ANGELES/OXNARD CA 1130 AM PDT THU JUN 3 2004

...BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA...

DATING BACK TO JULY 1, 2003 (THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT WATER YEAR WHICH ENDS JUNE 30, 2004) MOST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS EXPERIENCED BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL...WITH MOST SITES GENERALLY RECEIVING ONLY 30-80% OF NORMAL RAINFALL.

THE LACK OF RAINFALL THIS SEASON HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SOME EARLIER THAN NORMAL WILD FIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES...LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN HAD ITS DRIEST SEASON ON RECORD IN 2001-2002 WITH ONLY 4.42 INCHES OF RAIN. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 4.85 INCHES DURING THE 1960-61 SEASON. TO DATE THIS WATER YEAR LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN HAS RECEIVED 9.25 INCHES OF RAIN.

RAINFALL COMPARISONS FOR LOCATIONS ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH MAY 31, 2004...

LOCATION NORMAL	* RAIN	**NORMAL	PERCENT OF
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LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN	9.25.	15.08	61%
LOS ANGELES AIRPORT	8.61	13.07	66%
MOUNT WILSON	14.40.	40.11	36%
OXNARD WFO	8.32.	15.57	53%
PALMDALE	5.18.	7.30	71%
SANTA BARBARA CITY	10.22.	18.49	55%
PASO ROBLES	9.76.	14.68	67%
SANTA MARIA AIRPORT	8.75.	13.96	63%
SAN LUIS OBISPO (POLY)	16.08.	24.27	66%
BIG BEAR LAKE	15.85.	20.97	76%
LAKE CUYAMACA	21.41.	35.56	60%
LAGUNA BEACH	8.14.	13.43	61%
RIVERSIDE	6.07.	9.76	62%
SAN DIEGO	5.18.	10.68	49%
BAKERSFIELD	4.63.	6.37	73%
FRESNO	7.58.	11.00	69%
HANFORD	6.16.	8 . 50	72%

INYOKERN	1.464.7131%
LODGEPOLE	38.3987%
MOJAVE	5.6085%
TEHACHAPI	9.3582%
VISALIA	8.0110.8974%
YOSEMITE PARK	27.7436.9475%
BARSTOW	6.034.80126%
DEATH VALLEY	2.1196%
HAIWEE	6.3596%
INDEPENDENCE	3.595.5165%
LAKE SABRINA	11.9915.8676%
MOUNTAIN PASS	10.068.13124%
BLYTHE	1.383.9535%
EL CENTRO	1.8769%

^{*} RAIN IS TOTAL AMOUNT MEASURED FROM JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH MAY 31, 2004

**NORMAL IS BASED UPON A 30 YEAR PERIOD FROM 1971 TO 2000 AND FOR THE DAYS OF JULY 1 THROUGH MAY 31.

AN UPDATE OF THIS HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF JULY 2004.

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